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In re application of
BAHAR et al.
Serial No. 09/209,932
Filed: July 8, 1998
For: ULTRA-THIN INTEGRAL COMPOSITE MEMBRANE

DECISION ON
PETITION

This is in response to the REQUEST TO WITHDRAW NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT filed September 20, 2000. It is being treated as a PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.181(a) TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT. The petition requests that the abandonment, as set forth in the Notice of Abandonment of September 1, 2000, for failure to timely file a proper response to the Office letter mailed on January 21, 2000, be withdrawn since the applicants did timely file a response thereto on July 21, 2000. (A copy of the AMENDMENT and four terminal disclaimers filed July 21, 2000 are attached to the instant petition.)

DECISION

The instant request has been accepted as a petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.181 (no fee) - no abandonment-in-fact. A review of the evidence presented reveals that applicant's response (the paper entitled Amendment and four terminal disclaimers) was properly filed on July 21, 2000 as evidenced by the copy of the USPTO date stamped return receipt postcard, attached to the REQUEST, indicating receipt of the response at the USPTO on July 21, 2000. Accordingly, any holding of abandonment for failure to timely file a proper response to the Office letter mailed on January 21, 2000 is hereby vacated, and the application is returned to pending status.

The application shall be forwarded to the examiner for entry and processing of the response originally filed July 21, 2000 and consideration thereof.

The Petition is **GRANTED**.

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